



## Maine Community Development Block Grant Program Environmental Review Notice of Intent to Request A Release of Funds

On or about March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 the Town of **SOUTHWEST HARBOR, ME** will submit a request to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for the release of funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project described as the Ridge Apartments- Fire Safety Upgrades. Total estimated funding is \$500,000.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under the HUD regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 58 from following National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at:

Grantee: Town of Southwest Harbor, Address: 26 Village Green Way, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679, Telephone: 207-244-5404. The ERR may be examined or copied Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

### Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project, may submit written comments on the ERR to The Town of Southwest Harbor, c/o Matthew Williams, P.O. Box 286, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679.

All comments received by March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 will be considered by the Town of Southwest Harbor prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

### Release of Grant Funds

The Town of Southwest Harbor certifies to DECD that (Chief Executive Officer) Karen Reddersen in their official capacity consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DECD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the Town of Southwest Harbor to use Program funds.

### Objections to Release of Funds

DECD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Southwest Harbor certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: a) the certification was not executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Southwest Harbor; b) the ERR indicates omission of a required step, decision, or finding; c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 C.F.R. Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DECD; or d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 C.F.R. Part 58) and shall be addressed to DECD at 59 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0059. Potential Objectors should contact DECD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Karen Reddersen, Town Manager, Town of Southwest Harbor, 26 Village Green Way, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679